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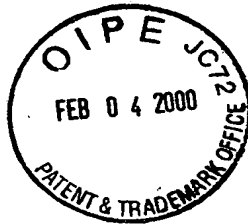
In re Application of

KATAFUCHI et al.

Appln. No. 09/196129

Filed: November 20, 1998

For: OXYGEN SENSING ELEMENT USED
IN AN OXYGEN SENSOR



Group Art Unit: 2855

Examiner: Dombroske

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February 4, 2000

RESPONSE

The Hon. Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 22, 1999, kindly enter the following remarks.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the following remarks are respectfully requested. No amendments to the claims are made at this time.

In the pending Office Action, the Examiner, again, rejected claims 1-14, under 35 U.S.C. 103, as being unpatentable over Hayakawa et al. This ground of rejection is respectfully traversed. The Examiner reported that Hayakawa et al. suggest an invention with the features of independent claims 1 and 6, but without explicitly setting forth the claimed quantitative dimensional relationships. According to the Examiner, Hayakawa et al. do not attach any significance to the exact values claimed,